


Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	210
Other	108
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	278
Female	40
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.7
All operators <sup>5</sup> by race:	
White	404
Black or African American	25
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	4
More than one race	-
All operators <sup>5</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	8

Footnotes: 1/ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with items. 2/ Beginning with 1997, data includes an adjustment for undercoverage. 3/Due to changes in definition and wording of questions, figures for "cropland pasture" and "other pasture" are not always comparable from the Census. Acreage beginning with 1964 refer to pastureland and rangeland, other than cropland and woodland pastured, on farms with sales of agricultural products of \$2,500 and over. 4/ Beginning with 1974, agricultural operations under individual management with annual sales of \$1,000 or more. NA Not Available. (D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than ½ of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Vol. 1, Geographic Series" for complete footnotes.




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PRINCE EDWARD  
COUNTY

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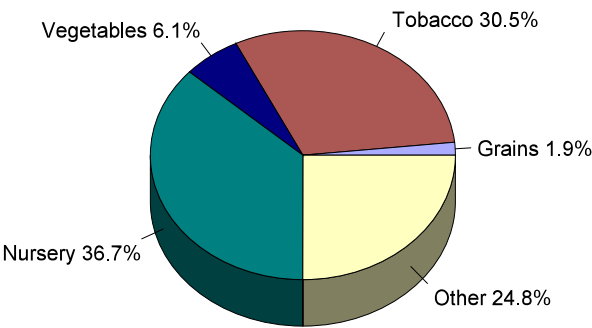
Prince Edward County is situated in the south-central part of the Piedmont Plateau. Formed in 1754 from part of Amelia, the county was named in honor of Prince Edward Augustus of the Royal House of Hanover.

The county boasts a rolling topography, with altitudes varying from 400 to 800 feet above sea level. Temperatures for the area average 38 degrees in January and 77 in July. The frost-free growing season usually lasts for about 193 days, generally extending from April 15 to October 25. Annual precipitation averages 43 inches, with June, July, and August each receiving 4.5 inches of rainfall. November is the driest month, averaging only 2.5 inches.

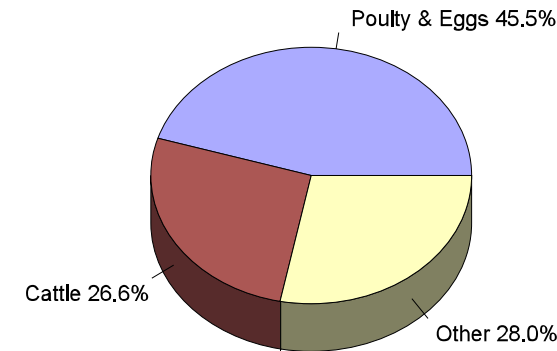
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	395	361
Land in Farms (acres)	78,851	77,914
Average size of farm	200	216
Market Value of Production		
County Total	\$11,816,000	\$13,670,000
Average per farm	\$29,914	\$37,866
Government Payments	\$343,000	\$349,000

CASH RECEIPTS

Crops



Livestock & Poultry



Ranked Items among the 98 state counties and 3,078 US Counties, 2002					
Commodity	Quantity	State Rank	Universe 1/	US Rank	Universe 1/
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	51	79	95	2,521	2,871
Tobacco	806	19	43	276	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	161	39	95	1,469	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	970	38	95	1,108	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	572	40	97	1,786	3,046
Poultry and eggs	4,170	14	94	655	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,440	47	97	2,033	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	15	56	93	2,099	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	39	72	94	2,482	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	9	43	87	1,887	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	335,600	15	79	428	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	76,352	9	96	441	2,983
Cattle and calves	12,818	44	97	1,858	3,059
Hogs and pigs	(D)	11	87	(D)	2,926
Horses and ponies	391	62	97	2,392	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	13,765	43	97	1,451	3,059
Corn for silage	821	41	87	1,197	2,307
Corn for grain	609	63	96	1,925	2,592
Tobacco	310	17	43	251	563
All Wheat for grain	268	63	87	1,967	2,517

FARM DATA & LAND USE									
YEAR	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Avg. Value Per Acre For Land & Buildings	LAND USE					
				Cropland			Other Pasture 3/	Woodland	
				Harvested	Other	Pasture		Pasture	Not Pastured
	Number	Acres	Dollars	-Acres-					
1940	1,689	164,315	22	29,856	15,379	15,105	NA	NA	NA
1945	1,553	160,181	31	30,951	15,683	5,400	9,752	11,864	79,933
1950	1,340	156,370	50	28,377	14,925	11,343	9,305	18,457	65,384
1954	1,179	143,348	61	27,416	10,207	9,211	8,935	18,240	64,204
1959	853	128,594	88	24,550	10,484	5,344	11,431	13,034	60,105
1964	742	119,795	105	20,810	9,921	5,350	9,178	NA	NA
1969	610	117,819	163	19,115	10,728	10,605	5,857	10,919	27,859
1974 4/	497	92,003	354	19,915	5,765	13,332	10,387	NA	NA
1978	423	88,624	605	20,512	7,366	15,160	4,899	12,926	23,777
1982	426	82,400	805	19,724	5,201	13,882	3,621	10,924	24,808
1987	353	71,034	818	16,218	5,956	11,961	3,516	7,452	23,076
1992	304	68,584	1,164	15,175	4,914	13,705	3,568	5,915	23,434
1997 2/	361	77,914	1,256	16,666	5,044	14,560	7,737	6,433	23,962
2002	395	78,851	1,718	16,146	4,883	13,148	8,256	7,449	24,368